



# Scouting About Tzaneen

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## Special points of interest:

- Who is Jadine and why is she featured in Scouting about Tzaneen's newsletter?
- HIV Peer Education Training - why knowing your HIV status is so important
- PLTU - what does it all mean, who decides who goes and what is supposed to happen when you come back.

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## VIVA FIFA VIVA - But what now?

Well FIFA is over but man we know how to celebrate at Westfalia, During the World Cup we held our own soccer games but as is always, with a twist. Here you can see bum soccer at its best. Exciting stuff.

Congratulations to the following Troops who were able to fundraise and come to camp without waiting for Kwara to raise funds through donors.

- 1st Shiluvane
- 1st Burgersdorp
- 2nd Burgersdorp
- 1st Mavele
- 1st Lepephane

These troops raised money for food and transport and when transport money was not enough they chose to hike from Tzaneen to Westfalia - 17kms WELL DONE to all.

During this time for the first time we held 2 Patrol Leader Training Courses, the first one hosted by Gauteng Scouts and the second one was run by our senior scout team.

It was a fantastic time to see former scouts such as Ronny Sekwela, Nkulu Mabuza, Miyelani Nogiela, Phindile Muhlarhi and Kheto Mongwe back from the city to help. The current scouts included Khanyisa Mabuza, Louis Mawila, Favor Nukeri, Bongani Makhubele and Hlulani Ngobeni stepping in to leadership positions as course directors, camp instructors and course instructors.

A special mention needs to go to Akela Zabe and her team who stayed at camp the whole month, Nkulu, Ronny, Louis and

Richard you are all stars. Thank you also to Andrew & Sheila Tanner for

your tireless work. We also had many visitors during the camp including 3 Americans who helped Burgersdorp earn their Pathfinders and cooked Hawaiian food for the staff and Hawaiian music and dance during the campfire. Thank you to the family Robinson.

Over 10 Pathfinder badges, 2 Adventure badges, 9 PLTC badges and 48 HIV AIDS badges including 8 interest badges where earned throughout this time.

Congratulations to all.



## Who is this Mulungu & why is she here?

In 2005, I came to Tzaneen to hand over approximately 20 tents to the Limpopo Scouting movement. I had collected and fixed the tents as my 40hour community service for my Springbok. In 2010, I am back in Tzaneen, this time to help staff a leadership development camp and I couldn't help but notice that the tents the participants are using are the same tents that I donated 5yrs ago, all in working order and good condition. It really is terrific to see that my community service has

actually helped the community and that it has given the Limpopo Scouts a reason to camp. Since 2005, I completed my Springbok and am currently studying Aeronautical Engineering. Scouting taught me the importance of teamwork, leadership and friendship. I hope that this development program and future programs will enrich these scouts the same way.

Keep Scouting

Jadine Meyer



## I'm Proud to be a Scout—Tsako Ngobeneni & Nhlamulo Makelani



To be a scout makes me be a good person because my past life was bad. Because I did not know where I was going but after I have joined scouts I have changed a lot. I know where I am going and I have some knowledge of how to improve and achieve my goals all because of scouts.

Scouts also makes me to be a respected person. Scouts is good for people who do not know how to achieve their goals. A lot of people have joined scout to make their lives complete, when a person is a

scout it makes him/her to be liked by a lot of people.

So I like to say to everyone who is a scout **BE PREPARED** and if you are not a scout or you want to be a scout ask any scout about the scouts and to all the scouts please don't quit on scouts. To all teenagers join the scouts because it can help you to achieve. Don't be shy when people ask what's the point of being a scout, tell them what a scout is and what it is all about.

I have been asked by a lot of people about scouts. I am proud to be a scout and I like the way I am. - Tsako

1st Sasekani Scouts



**"The Leader:** is always part of the answer.

**The Loser** is always part of the problem.

**The Leader** always has a program. **The Loser** always has an excuse.. **The Leader** says - let me do it for you. **The Loser** says - its not my job"

## Scouting is a LIFE CHANGER - Nhlanhla Khosa

SCOUTING IS A LIFE CHANGER-at first when scouting was introduced to me, it was a very new and different thing. Times went bye and I started to realize that it was a very important part of my life. Scouting not only gave me the space to expand and realize my abilities but it also molded my abilities and trained me on how to use them. With the

help of all our Akeila's( including Zabe and Kwara) scouting also open up my eyes to seeing the potential that I possess and how to go about unlocking it. The most important part about scouting is that it never concentrates on raising followers but on raising leaders that go out and be good leaders wherever they go, so joining scouts means

joining a family of good leaders. The skills that are acquired through scouting always become handy in daily living so being a scout definitely brings change in one's life and how you can face everyday challenges. Scouting is definitely a life changer :-). Nhlanhla Khosa

1st Mavele Scout Troop.



**Ronny Sekwela** sharing about Scouts to an audience of 240 adults during the 2009 Adult



## Where can Scouts take YOU!! - Ronny Sekwela

Scouts is not about what I can get out of it, although you will learn many new things and be exposed to lots of new experiences. Scouts is about what you can do for others, others in your patrol, in your troop, in your family, in your community and for your nation.

Ronny joined scouts in 2004, he was one of our first boys. He went to PLTU, he came back and he served Motupa District as a Field Officer growing and developing scouts in

that area.

"Scouts have granted me an opportunity of traveling through the leadership courses that I've attended. In the traveling that I have done, I have explored more and done things that I never thought I'd do in my life (things like **Scuba diving rock climbing and ab-seiling**). The most special opportunity that I have found in scout is a trip to India.

In Feb 2010 I received the Oxfam International Partnership application to apply for the youth partnership event taking place in New Delhi in India. I applied and my application was successful and now we're busy with the preparation of the event taking place from Nov 21-29.

Those who are not involved in scouts, if you want to have better life and to explore in different areas of life, find the nearest scout troop and join in the fun and experience the best things you'll never forget in your life"- Ronny

## HIV & AIDS - Louise Kwara

During the FIFA Westfalia camps, 5 HIV Peer Education Camps were held and over 200 Scouts from Tzaneen participated. It's a tough course but its about saving lives.

I was once asked why do we spend so much time training "kids" about HIV & AIDS. My response was simple - I don't want to go to any more funerals, especially of scouts.

Those scouts who participated and passed the exams received the badge on the right. They have been released as Peer

Educators, so if you have any questions about HIV & AIDS, Anti-retrovirals, prevention, treatment, spread etc ask them.

### AIDS IS A SILENT KILLER

My name is HIV, Son of AIDS.

My little brother, his name is STD. So if you don't have my uncle condom I will visit you one day. I live in a hotel called blood. I kill all the immune system but when I'm through

I give my dad AIDS a chance, to visit your body. It is better to

consider, my distant cousin Abstain. As even my uncle condom is not one hundred percent safe, because I'm always knocking on the door, waiting for you to say come in.

If you don't consider my distant cousin Abstain you will soon meet my father AIDS and not forgetting my grandfather death.

So my Scout Friends be wise and Abstain, AIDS is a silent killer.

*Anonymous*



## True Leadership - Louise Kwara

Leadership is about serving other people, helping them to find their way, encouraging, supporting, teaching and growing other people. If you are a true leader people will follow you because they want to, not because they have to, or you tell them to, or you bully them into following you.

**BUT** because they want to!!

Through scouts you will be taught leadership skills, but these skills are not for you to

push other people around and to get your own way. Leadership is about serving other people. To be a successful leader you want to see others who you have led go further than you, reach higher heights than you and achieve far more than you. That is how you know you are a leader, people follow and people excel and succeed much more than you do.

Leadership is not easy, but it is very rewarding.

Everyone is a leader at something, but how well are you leading? Where are you leading people to? As a scout you are a role model, others are watching what you do just as closely as the things you say! Are you leading effectively, are people growing under your leadership? Are people enjoying being in your team? Are they developing? Think about these things and see how you can improve!

***"If you are a  
true leader  
people will  
follow, if you  
are not a leader  
no one will  
follow and you  
are just going  
for a walk"***

## What is PLTU? Why is PLTU important? - Akela Zabe

PLTU is Patrol Leaders Training Unit. It is a specialized training that not everyone attends. It takes place in Gauteng and lasts between 8-10 days and is really tough. However the scouts that go come back radically different, much more confident, able to teach new skills that have been learnt to their troop and in fact as you can see Bongani is teaching some of the skills he learnt to a group of adult leaders at a recent Warrant Course for Scouter's.

### *Who decides who goes to PLTU?*

In the past Akela Zabe and I have chosen those scouts whom we can see have leadership capacity and who are committed. Now, we want to include the Court of Honor in making the decisions and also the Scouter's.

### *What makes a good PLTU Candidate?*

A Scout who is committed, who is already a leader who shows patience, eagerness to learn and teach others, some one who can speak English well and some who will come back to Tzaneen and work hard for their

troop but also for Scouts in general. Some one who lives the Scout Law and Promise every day and not just on the meeting day. That is who we look for!



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“Our mission is to assist children to overcome difficult life circumstances by building resilience, physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically, using a Right’s based framework, so they are able to realize their full potential and contribute to the building of South Africa.”

## Tzaneen News

Well, we made it to number 2 Issue of Scouting About Tzaneen! Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter, its great but I still need more. Keep your stories coming guys. This means everyone: Cubs, Scouts, Scouters. Have your say! Tell us why you keep coming to Scouts. What your troop is doing that is new or special. Tell us so we can tell others!

Why is your Akela the best? Why is your pack or troop the best? Give your letters to your Akela or to the Field Officers so we can put them in this newsletter.

We will be starting the Star Assessment Process in September, are you ready for it. Have you got what it takes to gain a Bronze Star this year? What is your troop doing about community service—tell us so we can show others what you are doing!

Remember this is your newsletter, if you display it you are getting closer to receiving a star award.

Mandela Day, what did you do? How did you celebrate this icons birthday. Write in and tell us, we will put your answers, idea’s and suggestion in the newsletter ready for 2011.

## Cub Instructors—why are Cubs so important?

Did you know Cubs are tomorrows scouts! If you are ever wondering what sort of leader you are, try being a Cub Instructor! You will quickly learn if you have what it takes to be a leader!

